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SUBJECT: FINNISH US RELATIONS AT CSCE

1. ON NOVEMBER 19 CONSERVATIVE DAILY NEWSPAPER IN
TAMPERE AAMULEHTI, FINLAND'S SECOND LARGEST, PUBLISHED
FOLLOWING DISPATCH: (NO BYLINE)

BEGIN QUOTE:

PRAISE FOR FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY

ACCORDING TO SVENSKA DAGBLADET CORRESPONDENT JOHAN
TUNBERGER, WHO HAS FOLLOWED CSCE DEVELOPMENTS IN
GENEVA, THE US GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY APPRECIATES
FINLAND'S CONTRIBUTIONS AIMED AT FURTHERING THE
CSCE TALKS.

THE US POSITION IS SIGNIFICANT, SAYS TUNBERGER,
PARTICULARLY SINCE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES OF
OPINION HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN FINLAND AND OTHER
NEUTRAL COUNTRIES OVER THE EXCESSIVE INCLINATION
TO COMPROMISE EXHIBITED BY THE FINNS.

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TUNBERGER NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT ALSO THE US DURING

THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAS HARDENED ITS ATTITUDE AND JOINED THE OTHER WESTERN POWERS IN A RELATIVELY CLOSED FRONT. CONSIDERABLY SLOWER PROGRESS THAN EXPECTED HAS BEEN MADE DURING THE CSCE TALKS CHIEFLY BECAUSE OF DISPUTES OVER INCREASING FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, IDEAS, AND INFORMATION. THE WEST GERMAN POSITION IS EXPECTED TO BECOME EVEN MORE STIFF BECAUSE OF THE RIGHT-WING TREND IN DOMESTIC POLITICS. END QUOTE.

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